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Naoki TOMIYAMA : Patent Art Unit: 3682

Serial No.: 10/659,442

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For: PISTON COUPLING MECHANISM,

LOCKUP DEVICE FOR A FLUID-TYPE: TORQUE TRANSMISSION DEVICE, ELASTIC COUPLING MECHANISM

AND SPRING INSTALLATION

METHOD FOR AN ELASTIC COUPLING:

MECHANISM

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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